

(c) Govt, has not received any report of specific persons held responsible for the irregularities leading to the sealing of business premises. However, Departmental action is taken by the local body concerned against officials found involved in unauthorised constructions. Some officials have also been dismissed by MCD.

#### **National Urban Transport Policy**

1778. SHRI PRASANTA CHATERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Cabinet has cleared National Urban Transport Policy; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A National Urban Transport Policy has been approved by the Government in April, 2006. It, *inter alia*, seeks to promote integrated land use and transport planning, greater use of public transport and non-motorized modes of travel, use of cleaner technologies. It offers Central Government's financial support for investments in public transport, infrastructure for greater use of non-motorized modes, as well as in the construction of parking facilities, including demonstrative pilot projects. It encourages capacity building at institutional and individual level, innovative financial mechanisms, institutional coordination, association of the private sector and need for public awareness and cooperation.

#### **CBI Investigation into Scam by Delhi Housing Society**

1779. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have entrusted the CBI to investigate into scam involving four thousand crores of rupees by Delhi Housing Society;
- (b) whether the CBI has so far looked into the matter and submitted its report;

(c) whether it is a fact that CBI officials enquiring into the scam were - arrested because they favoured acquittal of certain building contractors;

(d) whether it is also a fact that no action has been taken so far by the CBI against the building contractors involving 102 housing societies of Delhi; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has informed that under orders of Hon'ble Delhi High Court, the cases of 252 Cooperative Group Housing Societies have been referred to them for investigation. The following action has been taken by CBI so far:

- (i) 168 Regular Cases have been registered out of which charge-sheets have been filed in 17 cases.
- (ii) 11 Preliminary Enquiries concerning 43 Societies have been registered.
- (iii) 22 societies have been found to be genuine.
- (iv) Certain procedural violations have been found in respect of 18 Societies for which the matter has been referred by CBI to the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Govt, of NCT of Delhi, for appropriate action.
- (v) Matter concerning 1 Society is sub-judice in Delhi High Court.

The CBI has submitted 11 status reports in the matter to the Hon'ble Delhi High Court.

(c) The CBI has informed that it has registered 2 cases against two of its officers, investigating the scam cases, on the allegation of obtaining illegal gratification from the accused persons.

(d) and (e) The CBI has further reported that the Delhi High Court *vide* its orders dated 13.2.2006 and 21.3.2006 had entrusted the CBI to enquire into the affairs of 100 societies, which were allotted land from the year 2000 onwards. The action against building contractors would depend on the outcome of the enquiry by CBI.